## New online Mariner Outreach System proves successful

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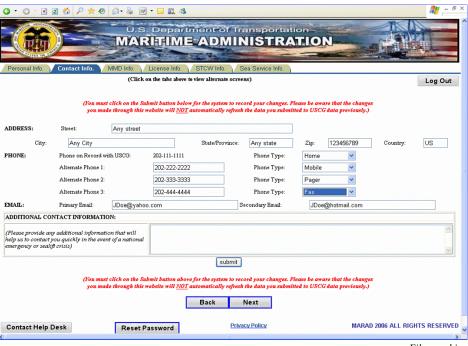
The Maritime Administration's Mariner Outreach Svstem is just six months old, but it has clearly gained acceptance with the seafaring community. The system provides mariners who agree to participate an opportunity to review their qualifications and sea service and update their contact information. The MOS is user friendly and allows access by mariners via a secure Internet Web site:

https://mos.marad.dot.gov.

Mariners' participation in MOS will improve the Maritime Administration's ability to understand and communicate with mariners. Additionally. MOS provides the Maritime Administration with a means of monitoring the availability of mariners. As

of October 1, 2006, 25 percent of mariners with a tise its existence but just depends on word of valid U.S. Merchant Mariner's Document have consented to participate.

Anne Dougherty, a program analyst in the Office of Sealift Support, said many of the mariners on file had previously consented to participate in an earlier tracking system before the MOS Internet portal was launched. She points out, however, that gaining the volunteer participation of some 10 to 15 new mariners who register each week, for a program that has no money to adver-



By participating in the Mariners' Outreach System, mariners are able to view important career information on file including their personal data, emergency contacts, professional qualifications and sea service records.

mouth, is very good.

"We are working hard to get the word out and appreciate the incredible support we have received from the maritime labor unions and our industry partners. Our goal is to use MOS to better understand what is happening with the pool of United States mariners so we can work with our industry partners to identify and address the specific issues that have a negative impact on the mariner pool."

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ELIZABETH PROCH, information technology specialist security, HQ, MAR-340—Nov. 27, 2006

TYRONE BROXTON, recruitment specialist, USMMA—Nov. 27, 2006

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